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§ 1.824 Form and format for nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence submissions in computer readable form.

- (a) The computer readable form required by §1.821(e) shall meet the following requirements:
- (1) The computer readable form shall contain a single "Sequence Listing" as either a diskette, series of diskettes, or other permissible media outlined in paragraph (c) of this section.
- (2) The "Sequence Listing" in paragraph (a)(1) of this section shall be submitted in American Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASCII) text. No other formats shall be allowed.
- (3) The computer readable form may be created by any means, such as word processors, nucleotide/amino acid sequence editors' or other custom computer programs; however, it shall conform to all requirements detailed in this section.
- (4) File compression is acceptable when using diskette media, so long as the compressed file is in a self-extracting format that will decompress on one of the systems described in paragraph (b) of this section.
- (5) Page numbering must not appear within the computer readable form version of the "Sequence Listing" file.
- (6) All computer readable forms must have a label permanently affixed thereto on which has been hand-printed or typed: the name of the applicant, the title of the invention, the date on which the data were recorded on the computer readable form, the operating system used, a reference number, and an application number and filing date, if known. If multiple diskettes are submitted, the diskette labels must indicate their order (e.g., "1 of X").
- (b) Computer readable form submissions must meet these format requirements:

- (1) Computer Compatibility: IBM PC/XT/AT or Apple Macintosh;
- (2) Operating System Compatibility: MS-DOS, MS-Windows, Unix or Macintosh:
- (3) Line Terminator: ASCII Carriage Return plus ASCII Line Feed; and
- (4) Pagination: Continuous file (no "hard page break" codes permitted).
- (c) Computer readable form files submitted may be in any of the following media:
- (1) Diskette: 3.50 inch, 1.44 Mb storage; 3.50 inch, 720 Kb storage; 5.25 inch, 1.2 Mb storage; 5.25 inch, 360 Kb storage.
- (2) Magnetic tape: 0.5 inch, up to 24000 feet; Density: 1600 or 6250 bits per inch, 9 track; Format: Unix tar command; specify blocking factor (not "block size"); Line Terminator: ASCII Carriage Return plus ASCII Line Feed.
- (3) 8mm Data Cartridge: Format: Unix tar command; specify blocking factor (not "block size"); Line Terminator: ASCII Carriage Return plus ASCII Line Feed.
- (4) Compact disc: Format: ISO 9660 or High Sierra Format.
- (5) Magneto Optical Disk: Size/Storage Specifications: 5.25 inch, 640 Mb.
- (d) Computer readable forms that are submitted to the Office will not be returned to the applicant.

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§ 1.825 Amendments to or replacement of sequence listing and computer readable copy thereof.

(a) Any amendment to a paper copy of the "Sequence Listing" (§1.821(c)) must be made by the submission of substitute sheets and include a statement that the substitute sheets include no new matter. Any amendment to a compact disc copy of the "Sequence Listing" (§1.821(c)) must be made by